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<u>RESPONSE</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed <u>January 3, 2008</u>, please consider the following.

The reply filed on November 29, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to indicate which if any of newly added Claims 7-12 are readable upon the elected species as required.